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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW): MEETING OF
"ECONOMIC VINCI GROUP"

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1. "ECONOMIC VINCI GROUP" MET ON AFTERNOON OF 21 JUNE.
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MEETING BEGAN WITH LENGTHY ACCOUNTS GIVEN BY DANES
(KJELDGAARD) ON MEETING OF JAZAIRI WITH GASPARI AND
HAXTHAUSEN. DESCRIPTION FOLLOWED ESSENTIALLY ON LINES OF
BRUSSELS CABLE (REF C). KJELDGAARD NOTED THAT WHILE
JAZAIRI REJECTED PRESENTING THE LENGTHY DOCUMENTS WHICH
RESULTED FROM THE COW MEETING IN MAY AS HIS OWN, HE LEFT
IMPRESSION THAT HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO DRAFT A SHORTER

SUMMARY. (IN AN EARLIER PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MISSION, EC REP MALVE WAS MUCH LESS SANGUINE WITH JAZAIRI'S WILLINGNESS TO PREPARE ANY "CHAIRMAN'S TEXT" IN THE ABSENCE OF A "CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH".) KJELDGAARD NOTED THAT JAZAIRI ALLUDED TO A TENDENCY AMONG THE GENEVA G-77 TO SEE UNCTAD V RATHER THAN COW AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. FINALLY, KJELDGAARD SAID THAT JAZAIRI LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT HE "WOULD NOT MIND" IF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE POSTPONED. (NOTE: WHILE THIS CORRESPONDS TO THE VIEWS NOTED IN PARA 6 OF REF C, IT IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEW YORK G-77 WHICH FAVORS HOLDING MEETING IN SEPTEMBER AS SCHEDULED).

2. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR COW IN SEPTEMBER. KJELDGAARD NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAD LEFT THE QUESTION TO JAZAIRI, AND HE THEREFORE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION. THE UK REP (MARSHALL) STATED THAT LOS CHAIRMAN AMERASINGHE HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM A WILLINGNESS TO SHARE FACILITIES. CANADIANS INDICATED THEIR GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO SHIFT COW DATES IF NECESSARY; KJELGAARD NOTED THAT EC SUPPORTED RETENTION OF PRESENT DATES; THERE WERE NO OTHER COMMENTS.

3. AFTER THIS DISCUSSION, RIEMER DESCRIBED U.S. IDEAS AS OUTLINED IN REF D DRAWING SUPPORT ON RATIONALE GIVEN ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REF D. DESPITE SUGGESTION AT EARLIER MEETING, THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS CONSULT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING IDEAS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN G-77 AND WESTERN CONERN, ONLY CANADIANS AND JAPANESE GAVE ANY INDICATIONS OF HAVING DONE SO. THE JAPANESE STATED THAT THEY HAD SIMILAR IDEAS IN MIND. THEY WOULD DISCUSS THEM IN THEIR STATEMENT TO ECOSOC. IN RESPONSE TO LATTER QUESTIONS, JAPANESE INDICATED THAT THEY INTENDED "SECOND ROUND" TO BE SOLELY FOR EACH DELEGATION TO REPORT ON WHAT ITS GOVERNMENT HAD DONE WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. CANADIANS CONSIDERED U.S. IDEAS TO BE GOOD, BUT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING FULL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR COW (I.E., G-77 PAPER SUBMITTED AT ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION). THEY ALSO STRESSED CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO SEE THE COMMITTEE SUCCEED. SWISS AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT PROPOSAL WAS AN EFFORT AT COMPROMISE WHICH WESTERN COUNTRIES NEED TO MAKE. HE NOTED THAT IF AGREED TO, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE TWO-PHASE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES ITEM AS WELL. FINNS ALSO WELCOMED "NEW IDEAS". NETHERLANDS WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE AS WAS KJELDGAARD IN LATER PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. FRG (YORK) SOUNDED A STRONG CAUTIONARY NOTE, AND EVEN

SUGGESTED THE WEST SHOULD GIVE NO PROPOSAL TO G-77 BEFORE SEPTEMBER. UK (MARSHALL) STRADDLED DEFENSE SEEING BOTH "MERIT" AND "RISK" ON PROPOSAL. SWEDES WERE UNABLE TO COMMENT SINCE JODAHN HAD NO SUCCESS IN GETTING A REPLY TO HIS SIMILAR IDEAS OUT OF STOCKHOLM IN TIME FOR THE MEETING.

4. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION AS TO HOW TIME FROM PRESENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER SHOULD BE USED. IT WAS AGREED THAT NO FURTHER MEETING OF "VINCI GROUP" COULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK; DELEGATIONS COULD PASS ON COMMENTS TO USMISSION IF THEY RECEIVED ANY. SWISS REPLIED THAT JAZAIRI WANTED TO COME TO GENEVA FROM JULY 2-6 TO CONSULT ON COW: CANADIANS STRONGLY OBJECTED TO ANY MEETING PRIOR TO SESSION OF ECOSOC TO WHICH NO ONE DEMURRED. DANES MENTIONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAZAIRI'S INTEREST IN LIMITED MEETING, BUT DID NOT GIVE FURTHER DETAILS TO FULL VINCI GROUP, PRIVATELY HE INDICATED TO US THAT THE LUNCHEON OR DINNER APPROACH STILL SEEMED THE BEST WAY AND THAT STOLTENBERG WAS WILLING TO PROMOTE THIS. SWISS NOTED THAT XCSS BUREAU MEETING ON JULY 18 WOULD ALSO DISCUSS COW. THERE WAS NO CONCLUSION AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH CONSULATIONS. LEONARD UNQUOTE VANCE

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